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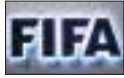
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1 FIFA's appeal committee has upheld bans on Sepp Blatter and Michel Platini for ethics violations but reduced them to six years from eight. "The FIFA Appeal Committee, chaired by Larry Mussenden, has partially confirmed the decisions taken by the adjudicatory chamber of the independent Ethics Committee on 17 and 18 December 2015 regarding Joseph S. Blatter and Michel Platini respectively, whose bans have been reduced from eight to six years," it said in a statement. **REUTERS**



NOROVIRUS SYMPTOMS

2 At least 200 students at an Ohio public university have reported symptoms of the highly contagious norovirus. Reports of the outbreak at Miami University started last Tuesday when five students came into a school health center at the Oxford, Ohio, main campus, located about 35 miles north of Cincinnati, complaining of stomach pain, nausea, diarrhea and vomiting, university spokeswoman Carole Johnson said. Since the initial reports, a number of students have tested positive for norovirus, Johnson said. **REUTERS**

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RAIN REFLECTION

7 A woman walks past a puddle in the Financial District on Wednesday.

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FIRE ESCAPE BURGLAR

4 Police are asking for the public's help in identifying a burglar wanted for breaking into various Queens homes while using fire escapes. The first incident occurred on Dec. 20, 2015, at about 7 p.m. when the suspect entered a first-floor apartment near 63rd Drive and Fitchett Street in Rego Park using a rear window, authorities said. He took several electronics items, jewelry and \$60 before he fled through the door. **ANGY ALTAMIRANO**



NYC TEACHER ARRESTED

5 A New York City school teacher with a history of violence has been arrested on assault charges. The teacher, Osman Couey, reportedly worked as a teacher in Harlem's P.S. 194 Countee Cullen since 1993. "Couey has at least four other disciplinary actions against him in the past for corporal punishment, verbal abuse and exercising poor judgment at the same school," CBS reported. Now, he's been pulled out of the classroom and arrested for assaulting a 7-year-old special needs student. **MATT LEE**

MAN EXPOSED HIMSELF

6 Police are looking for a man who allegedly exposed himself on a Queens train earlier this week in front of a female passenger. On Feb. 22 at about 6:45 p.m., a 45-year-old woman was traveling on the Manhattan-bound A train near the Mott Avenue subway station when the suspect stood across from her and exposed his private area, according to authorities. **ANGY ALTAMIRANO**



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Charges dismissed against teens in 'gang rape'



The playground where the incident occurred GOOGLE MAPS

The victim recanted allegations of forcible sexual assault and the existence of a gun.



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Criminal charges were dismissed against the five teenagers who were allegedly involved in a gang rape last month inside a Brownsville playground, according to authorities.

Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson announced Wednesday evening that the victim had recanted her allegations of forcible sexual assault and the existence of a gun during the Jan. 7 incident. She also no longer wished to pursue criminal charges against any of the teens.

"Working closely with the NYPD, my office has thoroughly investigated disturbing and very serious allegations of a gang rape at gunpoint last month inside the Osborn Playground in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn,"

Thompson said. "The complainant, as well as her father, provided multiple inconsistent accounts to NYPD detectives and to experienced Special Victims prosecutors about important material facts in this case."

According to initial reports, the victim and her father were approached at about 9:10 p.m. by the group of teens — one of whom had a gun. The teens then allegedly told the father to leave the area and once the father complied, each of the boys raped the victim. The father then returned a short time later with two police officers.

As the teens were arrested and charged, a couple told investigators that the father and victim had been having sex when the group bumped into them, according to a New York Post report. The father denied those allegations.

Thompson added that the victim refused to also cooperate with any prosecution against her father — who, according to the district attorney, had been engaging in sexual conduct with her that night.

"That night, this young woman's father and the five young men engaged in conduct that was reprehensible and wrong, but because of the lack of reliable evidence, criminal charges simply cannot be sustained. It is my fervent hope that this young woman gets all the support that she needs going forward." Thompson

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Man leaps to death in front of Queens F train: Report

released, but police told the Daily News that they do not suspect foul play. This is the second death involving a Queens F train in a little more than a week. Last Monday, a man was dragged to death when he became trapped in the train's doors. **JASON NUCKOLLS**

Man wanted for groping woman at Brooklyn subway station

Police have released a video of a

man they said forcibly touched a woman at a Brooklyn subway station earlier this month.

On Feb. 8 at about 4:45 p.m., the suspect — described as a white Hispanic man — approached a 33-year-old woman on the mezzanine level inside the Broadway East New York A train subway station, according to authorities.

The man then grabbed the victim's buttocks and midsection over her clothes before he fled

in an unknown direction, cops said.

Anyone with information in regards to this incident is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477) or for Spanish, 1-888-57-PISTA (74782).

The public can also submit their tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers website or by texting their tips to 274637 (CRIMES), then entering TIP577.

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Two people were arrested on charges related to firearms trafficking. **FILE PHOTO**

Brooklyn duo faces gun charges

The pair is accused of selling six assault weapons and a sawed-off shotgun to undercover cops.

Dumont Avenue, Dumont and Pennsylvania avenues and Dumont and New Jersey avenues, in East New York.

Beginning in January 2015 and going on through this January, the officers allegedly made the purchases from Rivero, who was accompanied by Guity on four occasions, authorities said. Guity allegedly carried the firearms in her handbag.

The two allegedly sold between one and four firearms during each sale, according to prosecutors.

"All of these guns, which included assault rifles and a sawed-off shotgun, could have wreaked havoc in our communities," said Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson.

Guity was arraigned Wednesday morning in Brooklyn Supreme Court and ordered held on \$500,000 bail. Rivero is being held on \$1 million bail after being arrested on a criminal complaint and will be arraigned on the indictment next week.

A man and woman from East New York, Brooklyn, were indicted Wednesday on charges of allegedly selling 30 firearms — including assault weapons — to undercover cops over the course of a year, according to authorities.

Ricardo Rivero, 34, and Constance Guity, 45, have been variously charged with criminal sale of a firearm, criminal possession of a weapon, criminal possession of a firearm, criminal possession of a controlled substance and resisting arrest.

According to prosecutors, during the course of a yearlong operation, undercover police officers made multiple purchases of weapons near locations such as Wyona Street and

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NY judge upholds city rule on salt warnings

Unlike the city's unsuccessful large-soda ban, the judge said, the rule did not restrict the use of sodium.

A New York judge on Wednesday shot down a challenge by a restaurant trade group and upheld a city rule requiring many chain eateries to post warnings on menu items that are high in sodium.

The rule, believed to be the first of its kind in the United States, mandates restaurants with 15 or more locations nationwide to post a salt shaker encased in a black triangle as a warning symbol next to menu items with more than 2,300 milligrams of sodium, the daily limit recommended by many nutritionists.

Dishes that have been flagged include Chipotle's loaded chicken burrito and Applebee's grilled shrimp and spinach salad.

"Information is pow-

er," Justice Eileen Rakower of New York state Supreme Court in Manhattan said in a ruling from the bench. Unlike the city's unsuccessful large-soda ban, she said, the rule did not restrict the use of sodium.

New York City adopted the rule, which took effect in December, to help lower blood pressure and reduce the risk of heart attacks and strokes.

The National Restaurant Association, a trade group, then sued the city's Board of Health, saying the rule unfairly burdened restaurant owners.

In court Wednesday, Rakower denied the group's motion for a preliminary injunction to stop enforcement of the rule. Starting March 1, violators will be punished by \$200 fines.

In addition to chain restaurants, the rule also applies to concession stands at some movie theaters and sports stadiums.

REUTERS

"This is really good news for the health of New Yorkers."

Dr. Mary Travis Bassett, the city's health commissioner

BRIEF

Police arrest mother of 2-year-old after daughter's death in Brooklyn fire

Police have arrested a Brooklyn mom whose 2-year-old daughter died alone in an apartment fire.

The fire in a second-floor apartment at 755 Monroe St. in Bed-Stuy began shortly before 7 a.m. on Tuesday, police reported.

After officials extinguished the blaze, Leila Aquino arrived and told firefighters that her daughter was inside the apartment at the time of the fire, prompting a search.

"She was crying, yelling, 'My daughter's in there!'" neighbor Shameeka Smith, 34, said in a New York Daily News article.

Firefighters then found Kalenah Muldrow,

2, unconscious under a bed, NY1 reported. She was pronounced dead at the hospital.

Aquino, a stripper, had been out partying, police sources told the Daily News, adding that the toddler is believed to have hidden under the bed in a panic when the fire started.

"She used to take care of her," Kalenah's paternal

great-grandmother, Jean Archibald, 73, told the Daily News, describing Aquino. "I've never heard of [her] doing anything like this. I guess people change."

Aquino has been charged with endangering the welfare of a child and reckless endangerment, police said. The investigation is ongoing.

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BRIEF

US court allows Louisiana abortion restrictions to go into effect

The U.S. appeals court on Wednesday allowed Louisiana to enforce a restrictive 2014 abortion law critics say is aimed at shutting clinics, ending a halt to the measure handed out by a lower court judge earlier this year.

The Louisiana-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit granted a request from the

state to put into effect the law requiring physicians who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles (48 km) of the place where the abortion is performed.

"We reversed the district court and permitted the law to go into effect because the plaintiffs had not demonstrated that the law placed an undue burden on a large fraction of women," the decision from a three-judge panel said.

The Center for Reproductive Rights, an abortion rights group, said the decision means all but one provider of legal abortions in the state of 4.7 million people will be forced to close. It said it would appeal to the decision the U.S. Supreme Court.

In January, U.S. District Judge John deGravelles granted a preliminary injunction sought by abortion providers, finding that the law violated women's rights to obtain an abortion.

Advocates of the regulation say it protects women's health by ensuring continuity of care. It was signed into law by then-Gov. Bobby Jindal, a Republican.

Abortion rights groups cite leading medical groups who say the regulation serves no public health purpose because abortion complications are rare, and when they do occur, can be treated by emergency room medical staff. **REUTERS**

Prosecutors ask court to order Kennedy kin back to jail



Michael Skakel GETTY IMAGES

Connecticut prosecutors asked the state's top court Wednesday to return Kennedy family member Michael Skakel to prison to finish the 20-year sentence imposed after a court found him guilty in 2002 of a murder four decades ago.

Skakel, the nephew of Ethel Kennedy, widow of slain Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, has been free on a \$1.2 million bond since 2013. He had served 11 years in prison for fatally beating Martha Moxley, his neighbor in Greenwich, Connecticut, with a golf club when both were 15 years old.

Skakel, now 55, was convicted in 2002 and sentenced to 20 years in prison. An appeals court overturned his conviction in 2013 after he argued that his trial lawyer did a poor job.

The Connecticut Supreme Court heard the state's appeal of that decision on Wednesday.

"This was far from a slipshod defense. This was a well-planned, well-thought-out defense," said Susann Gill,

a supervisory assistant state's attorney.

During the trial, prosecutors presented evidence from three people who knew Skakel and said that he had admitted to the killing, Gill said. Skakel's attorneys questioned the reliability of these witnesses, noting that two had been fellow patients at a controversial and violent drug-treatment facility Skakel had been sent to in the late 1970s.

"It has always mystified me that there was a myth that has come up that this was a weak case," Gill said. "It was not."

Skakel's current attorney, Hubert Santos, argued that his client's original lead attorney squandered resources during the trial and was more focused on winning fame than his client's freedom. He contended Skakel's trial defense team should have presented evidence of other suspects in the case, including Skakel's brother, Thomas, who was never charged.

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BRIEF

Obama weighs Republican Nevada governor for Supreme Court

Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval, a Republican and former federal judge, is among candidates being considered by President Barack Obama for appointment to the Supreme Court, a source close to the process said on Wednesday, as Obama sought to overcome Senate Republican resistance to any nominee.

Sandoval, a 52-year-old

Mexican-American, is considered a moderate Republican, particularly on social issues. He supports abortion rights and abandoned the state's legal defense of a same-sex marriage ban before the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that such bans were unconstitutional.

Sandoval has supported gun rights as governor, which could prompt concerns from gun-control ad-

vocates. He was appointed as a federal judge by Republican George W. Bush, Obama's predecessor, before being elected governor in 2010.

An intense political fight has erupted since the Feb. 13 death of long-serving conservative Justice Antonin Scalia created an opening on the Supreme Court bench.

Republicans are maneuvering to

foil Obama's ability to choose a replacement who could tilt the court to the left for the first time in decades.

The Republican-led Senate must confirm any high court nominee and Majority Leader Mitch McConnell announced on Tuesday that the chamber will not hold hearings or vote on any Supreme Court nominee until after the next president takes office in January.

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Spy agencies say Clinton emails closely matched top secret documents

U.S. spy agencies have told Congress that Hillary Clinton's home computer server contained some emails that should have been treated as "top secret" because their wording matched sections of some of the government's most highly classified documents, four sources familiar with the agency reports said.

The two reports are the first formal declarations by U.S. spy agencies detailing how they believe Clinton violated government rules when highly classified information in at least 22 email messages passed through her unsecured home server.

The State Department has already acknowledged that the emails contained top secret intelligence, though it says they were not marked that way. It has not previously been clear if the emails contained full classified documents or only some information from them.

The agencies did not find any top secret documents that passed through Clinton's server in their full version, the sources from Congress and the government's executive branch said.

However, the agency reports found some emails included passages that closely tracked or mirrored communications marked "top secret," according to the sources, who all requested anonymity. In some cases, additional classification markings meant access

was supposed to be limited to small groups of specially cleared officials.

Under the law and government rules, U.S. officials and contractors may not transmit any classified information — not only documents — outside secure, government-controlled channels. Such information should not be sent even through the government's .gov email network.

The front-runner for the Democratic nomination for president and former secretary of state has insisted she broke no rules. Clinton's lawyer, David Kendall, did not respond to a request for comment. Clinton campaign spokespeople did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

Two sources said some of the top secret material was related to the CIA's campaign of drone strikes against Islamist militants in the Middle East and South Asia.

That campaign has been widely reported by Reuters and other media outlets, but it officially is classified as a "Top Secret/Special Access Program" (SAP), meaning only a limited number of people whose names are on a special list are allowed to learn details about it.

One source said the reports identified some information in messages on Clinton's server that came from human sources, such as confidential CIA informants, and some from technical systems. REUTERS

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Surge confounds rivals, makes Trump betting favorite



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks at a caucus night watch party at the Treasure Island Hotel & Casino on Feb. 23, 2016 in Las Vegas, Nevada. GETTY IMAGES

The billionaire swept Nevada by 22 percentage points, winning 45.9 percent of the vote.

Donald Trump inched closer to the Republican presidential nomination as his odds shot to a record high on global betting websites Wednesday and he won his first endorsement from a member of Congress.

The outspoken businessman easily won the Nevada caucuses Tuesday, giving him his third win in four early nominating contests and pressuring Republican rivals to come up with a way to stop a candidate who last year was not seen as a serious contender for the Nov. 8 presidential election.

Trump's Nevada win is likely to further frustrate Republican establishment figures who were hoping his campaign as a political outsider was stalled after he lost the opening nominating contest in Iowa to Texas Sen. Ted Cruz.

In his Nevada victory speech, the former reality TV star courted his base of blue-collar workers.

"I love the poorly educated," he said, mentioning several demographic groups among whom he said he was winning.

By Wednesday, that phrase was being widely discussed online, with some finding it funny and others arguing it a welcome, nonjudgmental embrace of a constituency other politicians might speak of only as a problem to be fixed.

Trump's nearest rivals, Cruz and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, have frequently attacked each other, clearing a path for Trump to the

nomination.

On Wednesday, New York Rep. Chris Collins, a Republican from Trump's home state, became the first national lawmaker to endorse Trump, saying "it's time to say no to professional politicians and yes to someone who has created jobs and grown a business."

Speaking earlier Wednesday, Trump called endorsements a "waste of time" that "mean very little" in an ABC interview.

Betting venues in Britain, Ireland and New Zealand show the online wagering community coalescing around Trump, once considered an interloper, attracting long-shot odds of 200-1. Odds for Trump becoming the Republican candidate have tightened all the way to 1-2 in some cases.

Polls show Trump ahead in most Super Tuesday states, placing further pressure on Cruz and Rubio.

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"These guys have to figure out how to turn their fire on Trump ... Which one is going to get out of this field?"

Ford O'Connell, a Republican strategist in Washington.

Justice Department, Silicon Valley discuss online extremism

The U.S. Justice Department convened a meeting with social media companies and other groups to discuss ways to counter the use of cyberspace by militant extremist groups like Islamic State and support strategic counter-messaging campaigns.

The Obama administration has struggled to craft a cohesive strategy to diminish the online presence of Islamic State, which uses Twitter and other Internet platforms to spread violent propaganda and radicalize new recruits.

Twitter, Facebook, Alphabet Inc.'s Google and Apple were among the companies represented, according to the companies.

John Carlin, assistant attorney general for



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national security, led the briefing by providing an overview of Islamic State's media strategy and expressing a desire to increase the "scale [of] counter-narratives and optimistic messaging" to meet the threat the jihadist group poses online, according to an agenda seen by Reuters.

U.S. Chief Technology Officer Megan Smith, a former Google executive, was also expected to lead a discussion, according to the agenda.

"The U.S. government recognizes that these private-sector actors,

which include NGOs, social media companies and content producers, have a crucial role to play in developing creative and effective ways to undermine terrorist recruiting and counter the call to violence," department spokesman Marc Raimondi said in a statement. "NGO" is an acronym for "nongovernmental organization."

Wednesday's summit comes amid prolonged tensions between Silicon Valley and the Obama administration. Those strains were exacerbated by the legal standoff between Apple and the Justice Department that erupted last week over access to an iPhone belonging to one of the San Bernardino killers, Syed Rizwan Farook. REUTERS

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'Wow': Facebook launches 'Reactions'

Facebook users around the globe can now do more than "like" a post. They can love it, laugh at it or feel angry by it.

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In a video accompanying a blog post, the five new buttons appear as animated emoticons that pop up when the "Like" button is held down on mobile devices. The buttons appear on desktops when users hover over the "Like" button.

Facebook launched a pilot of "Reactions" — which allowed users to select from seven emotions including "Angry," "Sad," "Wow" and "Like" — in Ireland and Spain in October.

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg said in



September the company was thinking of adding a "Dislike" button, which spearheaded a debate over whether it would increase cyberbullying and negativity on the site. In October, the company said it would expand its signature "Like" button with various reactions.

The slow test and rollout of the expanded button — which Zuckerberg has said is the company's biggest design change to date — is a marked change from Zuckerberg's famous mantra, "move fast and break things."

The feature received mixed reviews from users on social networking sites.

Many complained that they could not see the new emoticons, while some were unhappy that Facebook did not launch a "Dislike" button.

Marina Cupo wrote on Facebook: "I would rather have had a DIS-LIKE button and then attach an emotion instead if I want!"

Users have often responded negatively to similar changes on other sites. Twitter, for example, replaced its star-shaped "favorite" icon with a heart-shaped icon called "like" in November. Users initially scorned the change, but Twitter later said it increased activity on the site. **REUTERS**



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Kesha's squad of supporters grows

While Kesha may have lost her court battle to break her contract with Sony and alleged rapist Dr. Luke, she has gained a number of famous friends. The latest to speak out on Kesha's behalf include "Law & Order: SVU" star Mariska Hargitay, who tweeted, "For many survivors, speaking out is the hardest part. It's also only the first step. Sending you strength, Kesha, as you move through this."

Producer Jack Antonoff offered to work with her behind Sony's back, though making that offer via Twitter might not have been the brightest idea: "Hey Kesha, don't know what the legal specifics are, but if you want to make something together and then leak it for everyone, I'm around."

But it was Antonoff's girlfriend, Lena Dunham, who lent the lengthiest support, penning in her newsletter, "What's happening to Kesha highlights the way that the American legal system continues to hurt women by failing to protect them from the men they identify as their abusers. These women deserve better."



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Bad news for Gladys Knight's Chicken and Waffles restaurant



Singer Gladys Knight is facing something of a headache, as one Atlanta location of her Gladys Knight's Chicken

and Waffles restaurant chain has failed a health inspection, scoring an unimpressive 56 out of 100. Last April the same

location scored a 94.

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Why Chrissy Teigen chose to have a girl

As Chrissy Teigen revealed back in December, she and husband John Legend are awaiting the arrival of a baby girl. But it turns out, she reveals now, that the gender of their first child was total-



ly intentional. "I've made this decision," Teigen tells People magazine. "Not only am I having a girl, but I picked the girl from her little embryo. I picked her and was like, 'Let's put in the girl.' I think I was most excited and

allured by the fact that John would be the best father to a little girl. That excited me. It excited me to see ... just the thought of seeing him with a little girl. I think he deserves a little girl. I think he deserves that bond."

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Hard copies of the RFP can be obtained, at no cost, commencing on Tuesday, February 16th, 2016 through Monday, March 21st, 2016, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, excluding weekends and holidays, at the Revenue Division of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, which is located at 830 Fifth Avenue, Room 407, New York, NY 10005.

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Single and Swiping

Laurie Davis is the founder of eFlirt, an online dating concierge service, and the best-selling author of "Love @ First Click: The Ultimate Guide to Online Dating."



The equation to messaging success: connect + ask. **ISTOCK**

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Ask a question so it's easy to respond.

Without a question, you're not really beginning a conversation. A statement doesn't require an action, so it's much less likely your match will act with a reply.

So next time your match posts a pic of herself running, try, "Did my first half this year. How many finish lines have you crossed?"

Or if he has a photo of himself at a sushi restaurant, go with, "Dynamite roll or spicy tuna?"

When you connect and ask, it's similar to real-life conversation. At a bar, you might ask a cutie, "What are you drinking?" Your point of connection and question may be more casual bar-side, but it's a similar approach. When you mimic offline life in your digital dating life, you get closer to connecting face-to-face.

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Diversity reality check

Geek Girl in Hollywood



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There's been a lot of talk about lack of diversity in Hollywood recently. Even before the #oscarssowhite campaign, there were movements from within Hollywood to look at how women are being hired and paid.

A new report by the Media, Diversity & Social Change Initiative at the University of Southern California revealed some pretty dismal statistics. In the 109 films and 305 TV and digital series released in 2014, only 28 percent of speaking characters were people of color. One-third of the speaking characters were female and 2 percent were LGBTQ, while 15 percent of directors and 29 percent of writers were women. This doesn't exactly reflect the population, does it?

Why is this happening? Studios can claim there aren't enough actors of color, etc., who command enough clout to get a movie funded all they want, but it's still not OK. Frankly,



John Boyega and Daisy Ridley weren't stars before "Star Wars: The Force Awakens." Hollywood could stand to take more chances on newbies. **LUCASFILM**

maybe it's time to take a risk on new actors. John Boyega and Daisy Ridley weren't exactly well-known before "Star Wars: The Force Awakens." Maybe you've heard of them now?

Do we really have to wait until all the old studio heads or directors retire before we see something change? Like when director Ridley Scott, talking about his biblical epic "Exodus: Gods and Kings," said, "I can't mount a film of this budget, where I have to rely on tax rebates in Spain, and say that my lead actor is Mohammad so-and-so from such-and-such. I'm just not going to get

it financed." Why are we still seeing Rooney Mara cast as a Native American character in "Pan"?

Hollywood hasn't been able — or willing — to self-correct, and the only thing that will change this is talking about it. Tweet. Post. Write old-fashioned letters to the studio. Tell them you want to see yourself represented. Hey, it worked with Hasbro when we told them we wanted Rey in Star Wars Monopoly. It took only 24 hours of talking about it to make the company change its tune. Maybe we can do it on an even bigger scale, too.

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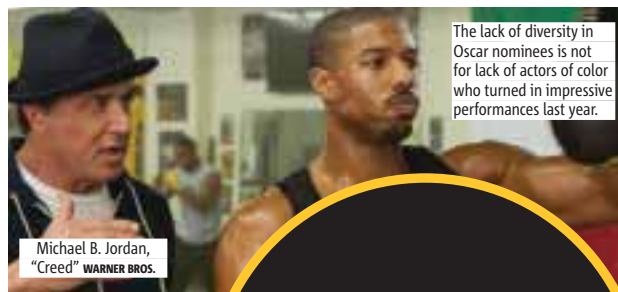
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The lack of diversity in Oscar nominees is not for lack of actors of color who turned in impressive performances last year.



Idris Elba, "Beasts of No Nation" NETFLIX



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An Oscars that's #NotSoWhite

Every Single Word's Dylan Marron is holding an awards show watch party with a purpose.



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For actors of color, there won't be much to celebrate at the Oscars on Sunday night — for the second year in a row, none were nominated. Plenty of celebrities have responded by boycotting the ceremony, with music mogul Russell Simmons even holding his own version of the awards at the same time.

The choice wasn't that simple for Dylan Marron.

The Venezuelan-American actor was best known for "Welcome to Night Vale" until last summer, when he started the viral Tumblr project Every Single Word, which edits down movies to only the dialogue of non-white characters. (Spoiler alert: Most clock in at mere seconds, if any.) He's loved the Oscars since childhood, calling the ceremony "my Super Bowl." Though he's not so much into football, "I get why people might watch it," he says. "You're watching people put everything on the line and compete based on merit and talent."

"What is so disheartening to me is that I would watch the Oscars as a kid and I truly thought they

were honoring the best. [As] I grew up and started realizing just how much goes into who even gets to be part of that group, I realized how skewed it is."

He knew he wanted to do something from the day the Oscar nominations came out, but tread a "happy medium" between criticizing the show and boycotting it.

"Nobody wants to be shamed into talking about issues," he says. "But we do kind of want to be lulled into it, and comedy is such an incred-



Dylan Marron
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ible tool."

And between his work as a comedian and Tumblr, Marron knows a lot of funny people. On Sunday, he and seven other "fans who are skeptical about this whole industry" will host a viewing party with live commentary for the first-ever live edition of Every Single Word. They include Danielle Henderson, creator of Feminist Ryan Gosling; WNYC's Sean Rameshwaram, who questioned what public radio should sound like with the "I am Lakshmi

Singh" meme, Francesca Ramsey of Sh— White Girls Say to Black Girls and "Broad City" writer Naomi Ekperigin.

"What I want is to essentially be 'Mystery Science Theater 3000' of the Oscars, by people whose point of view is about understanding the media and talking about it in a really open, comedic and insightful way," says Marron.

And it won't just be a night of pointed laughter, either. All of the proceeds will go toward making the change happen by funding Made in NY's PA Training Program, which gets low-income New Yorkers (who, Marron points out, tend to be people of color) onto sets

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to begin their careers in entertainment.

"It's opening a door where there wasn't a door," he says. "It is very very hard to crack into the film industry, and one of the biggest ways is nepotism, it's legacies. That's not to say that talent isn't enough, but you have to be talented and be connected."

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Brooklyn Historical Society,
128 Pierpoint St., Brooklyn
\$5, PersonPlaceThing.org
Randy Cohen brings his popular
podcast "Person, Place, Thing" to
the Brooklyn Historical Society,
where Kickstarter CEO Yancey
Strickler will reveal the person,
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ticularly meaningful to him. The
night's musical performance is by
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MUSIC

Black Sabbath: The End

Feb. 25 & 27, 7:30 p.m.
Madison Square Garden
4 Pennsylvania Plaza
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BOOKS

"Dear Younger Me"

March 1, 7 p.m.
Housing Works Bookstore Café
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Free, www.housingworks.org
Celebrating the launch of Buzz-
feed senior editor Katie Heaney's

new memoir, "Dear Emma,"
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of authors sharing advice that
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selves, based on their funniest
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The Orchid Show: "Orchidelirium"

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the flower, featuring a historic
overview of the craze that swept
the world and continues to
seduce collectors. Drinking-age
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shows with a cocktail in hand
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Sweet Spot Nation: Mardi Gras Edition

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Football more dangerous than MMA fighting?

MMA training may actually help your brain, according to new tests.



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Former Oakland Raiders quarterback Ken “the Snake” Stabler died last July, and a report — released just prior to the Super Bowl — revealed that he had the concussion disease known as CTE.

The story did not have much shelf-life in the daily news cycle.

The reason the story did not get much play is for obvious reasons — these stories are a dime a dozen these days.

While we know that pro football players who played in the 1960s, '70s, '80s and '90s played a game that was amazingly dangerous to long-term brain health, we don't yet know what the long-term effects are for MMA fighters. Dana White's UFC is much safer than the original UFC was in the early 1990s, but we're not at a point in time just yet that shows just how safe (or dangerous) the relatively new sport is.

A brain-scanning device by a company called

Neuronetrix recently tested an MMA novice, 22 UFC fighters and an NFL running back at Jackson-Wink (a noted MMA training academy) during two weeks of intense MMA training.

The results were stunning, according to Neuronetrix CEO K.C. Fadem.

“We expected to see a reduction in brain activity from the fighters,” Fadem told Metro. “But what we found were that all of these fighters actually had a superhuman level of brain function [during a two-week training]. Basically, what we found was that your brain has to work really fast to keep someone from punching you in the face.”

Fadem and Neuronetrix typically collect data relating to Alzheimer's disease and Fadem is encouraged that the findings in the MMA training could eventually lead to new exercises to help treat many brain diseases.

“I'm thinking that a way to treat Alzheimer's patients might be to do some of this high-intensity reaction training,” Fadem said.

As for the dangers of playing football versus the dangers of caged

fighting, Fadem hints at the idea that MMA is actually a safer sport. For instance, when an MMA fighter gets a concussion, he or she has weeks and often months to recover. Football players, meanwhile, are scrambling to get back on the field the very next week.

“The current standard of care from evaluating and treating a concussion is really ‘make sure they don't get worse,’” Fadem said. “It's very primitive. When someone sustains a concussion, the latest theory is that the brain takes a very long time to recover from it. A lot of athletes in a lot of different sports right now might not be giving their brains the necessary time to recover.”

“UFC fighters go fight to fight and they're very concerned about their own personal health,” Fadem continued. “These fighters actually want the tests. I'm not sure the owners in team sports, who have players under contract, want these tests. It's not in the best interest of teams to do these tests. In the UFC it's different. If I want to delay a fight another two months I can do that.”

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Wes Welker is one notable NFL player who has suffered from multiple concussions. GETTY IMAGES

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Brain scanning / MMA documentary

Neuronetrix announced this week that its brain scanning device will be featured in a new documentary being produced by Todd Sampson for the Discovery Network. The documentary follows extreme athlete, entrepreneur, and amateur neuroscientist, Sampson, as he trains for a mixed-martial arts fight with a professional fighter from Jackson-Wink. As part of the preparation, Sampson and other top fighters are having brain scans using Cognision, a patented, FDA-approved device which records cognitive brainwave activity. Sampson is interested in determining if there are any changes in his brain as a result of the preflight training.

Sampson, an award-winning executive from Leo Burnett, has hosted and produced several documentary series focused on brain plasticity including "Redesign My Brain" on ABC Australia and "Hack My Brain," which airs on the Science

Channel. These series feature Sampson using modern neuroscience techniques to develop new cognitive skills and to adapt to complex and stressful situations such as skywalking between buildings 21 stories from the ground.

In the episode being filmed at Jackson-Wink, Sampson will undergo only two weeks of intensive training and then fight an experienced MMA fighter. Before the training began, Neuronetrix tested Sampson, and 22 other fighters, including longtime UFC stars Keith Jardine and Diego Sanchez as well as former welterweight champion Carlos Condit. Neuronetrix also tested a professional NFL running back who was training at the facility.

Jackson-Wink is run by Greg Jackson and Mike Winkeljohn, who train many of the top fighters in MMA including current world champ Holly Holm and former world champion Jon Jones. Their training academy is also used by other professional and Olympic athletes. Both Jackson and Winkeljohn are leading advocates of

athlete safety and are concerned about the potential long-term damaging cognitive effects of the sport. By testing their athletes with the Cognision System, a cognitive baseline can be established and used to compare against if those athletes sustain a head injury during training camp or during a fight.

"Developing a cognitive baseline when the athlete is healthy can help us protect the fighters and make sure they don't do additional damage while their brain is still recovering from an injury sustained in the octagon," said Winkeljohn.

"Everyone is aware of the potential medical problems faced by athletes in contact sports. Greg and Mike are addressing the issues head-on and their efforts will result in a safer sport and fewer long-term problems for their fighters," said Fadem. "The relationship we have developed at Jackson-Wink will help Neuronetrix's efforts in bringing widespread brain testing to contact sports. Materials from a press release were used in this report.

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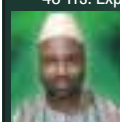


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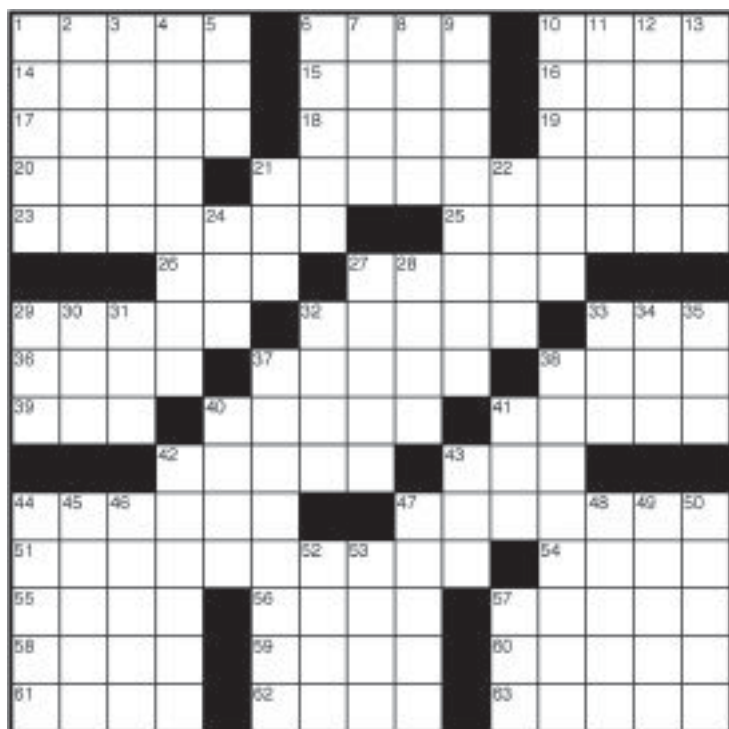


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- 6 — 1 (speed of sound)
- 10 Iffy attempt
- 14 Sky blue
- 15 Melville novel
- 16 Actual
- 17 Unusual sighting
- 18 Weaver's device
- 19 Pro —
- 20 Cartridge fillers
- 21 Bonnie and Clyde, e.g.
- 23 Consumer lures
- 25 Least experienced
- 26 Forenoon hrs.
- 27 Outlet inserts
- 29 Safe experts?
- 32 Ghostly noises
- 33 Unseal, to Blake
- 36 Wheel connector
- 37 Suppose
- 38 Swanky
- 39 Meadow plaint
- 40 1040 and W-2
- 41 Pith helmets
- 42 Searches for
- 43 Aloha token
- 44 Farming majors
- 47 Banquets
- 51 Worked for oneself
- 54 Trolley
- 55 Antarctic sea
- 56 Polite bark



- 57 Toulouse-Lautrec
- 58 Give the boot
- 59 Boorish
- 60 Movie mermaid
- 61 Ancient colonnade
- 62 Belgian river
- 63 It flows past Grenoble

Down

- 1 Implied
- 2 Endangered layer
- 3 Slavic folk song
- 4 Lipizzaner's routine
- 5 Up till now
- 6 Double agents
- 7 Major — Hoople

- 8 Hen hangout
- 9 Four-baggers (2 wds.)
- 10 Fast-food freebies
- 11 Barter
- 12 Jam ingredients
- 13 Beauty's swain
- 21 AMA members
- 22 Tatters
- 24 911 responder
- 27 Sonnets and odes
- 28 Highland girl
- 29 Edible root
- 30 Outer, in combos
- 31 Day- — paint
- 32 Gloom
- 33 Dinny's rider
- 34 Air-pump meas.
- 35 Codgers' queries
- 37 Gets fouled up (2 wds.)
- 38 Helpful hints
- 40 Intuit
- 41 Decade number
- 42 Nap
- 43 Kitchen topper
- 44 Bushy hairdos
- 45 Crack filler
- 46 Fresco base
- 47 Shelve
- 48 Comedian — Kovacs
- 49 Harder to find
- 50 Look pleasant
- 52 We, in Le Havre
- 53 Secret message
- 57 "Bali —"

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Aries Taking on too much will spark your emotions and cause you to lose focus. You need to prioritize in order to overcome any feelings of incompetence.



Taurus Listen attentively. You have more to gain from being a spectator than a participant. Learn, summarize and prepare to bring about changes that will help you advance.



Gemini Your success rate will climb if you put your best foot forward and stay true to your beliefs and abilities. Putting forth your best effort will lead to victory.



Cancer Make interesting changes to your home. Emotional issues will arise, but if you are sensitive to other people's suggestions, you will end up satisfying everyone's needs.



Leo Make a commitment to someone you cherish in order to bring about positive change. Sharing your plans will allow you to do something special.



Virgo Refuse to be tempted by a sales pitch or an investment that sounds too good to be true. Limit your spending, and focus more on creating a stable domestic situation.

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Libra Love, romance, friendship and relaxation should take top priority. Share your feelings and make personal improvements to your lifestyle.



Scorpio Explore new possibilities and consider how you can make a difference to a cause you believe in. Your input and hands-on help will lead to greater acknowledgment.



Sagittarius Emotional reactions will flare up, along with questionable information that can cause problems between you and a friend or family member. Say little without the facts.



Capricorn Don't try to change others when you should be concentrating on making personal improvements that will help you get ahead. Hone your skills.



Aquarius You'll see things clearly and get the inside scoop. Your insight and imagination will enable you to successfully carry out an ambitious project. Romance is featured.



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